

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA
CHARLOTTE DIVISION
CASE NO. 3:20-CV-021-MOC-DCK**

PHILIPS MEDICAL SYSTEMS)	
NEDERLAND B.V., PHILIPS NORTH)	
AMERICA LLC, and PHILIPS INDIA LTD.,)	
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Plaintiffs,)	
)	
v.)	<u>ORDER</u>
)	
TEC HOLDINGS, INC., TRANSTATE)	
EQUIPMENT COMPANY, INC., and)	
ROBERT A. WHEELER,)	
)	
Defendants.)	
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THIS MATTER IS BEFORE THE COURT on “Plaintiffs’ Motion For Pretrial Status Conference” (Document No. 337) filed February 26, 2021. This motion has been referred to the undersigned Magistrate Judge pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b), and immediate review is appropriate. Having carefully considered the motion and the record, the undersigned will deny the motion.

By the instant motion, Plaintiffs request that the Court schedule a pretrial conference to discuss the status of discovery and to provide the parties guidance with respect to the Court’s expectations of the parties while discovery motions are pending. The undersigned will respectfully decline to hold a pretrial conference at this time.

The Court expects to reach the multiple pending discovery motions/disputes in this action in the near future. The undersigned has been working through a significant case backlog; moreover, the Court and the parties’ efforts to resolve discovery disputes in this case informally

have not been productive. The Court does find that the pending case deadlines will need to be revised at least one more time due to the delay in resolving these discovery disputes.

The undersigned commends counsel's efforts to consider and discuss what, if any, discovery can be completed in the meantime. The Court encourages counsel to move forward as with as much discovery as possible. If the parties can narrow or resolve any of the pending disputes, all the better. Once the Court issues a ruling on the discovery disputes, the parties will be expected to move swiftly to complete any necessary discovery remaining in this case.

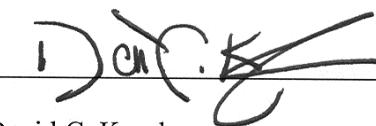
IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that "Plaintiffs' Motion For Pretrial Status Conference" (Document No. 337) is **DENIED WITHOUT PREJUDICE**. Plaintiffs may renew the instant request, if necessary, after the Court issues a decision on the discovery motions.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the case deadlines are revised as follows:

Fact Discovery Completion	May 14, 2021
Opening Expert Reports	June 1, 2021
Rebuttal Expert Reports	July 1, 2021
Expert Discovery Completion	July 16, 2021
Mediation Report	July 23, 2021
Dispositive Motions	July 30, 2021
<i>Ready Date For Trial</i>	October 18, 2021.

SO ORDERED.

Signed: February 26, 2021



David C. Keesler
United States Magistrate Judge
